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RULES
&
REGULATIONS

2024

SEASON 3

THE SEASON

Season Three 2024 will take place over eight rounds. A driver's best six scores will be counted towards their final championship classification.

Round	Date	Circuit	Arrival Time	Format
1	Sunday 15th September	GP	09:00	Heats
2	Sunday 29th September	Alternate	09:00	Heats
3	Sunday 6th October	Alternate	09:00	Heats
4	Sunday 13th October	GP	09:00	Cup
5	Sunday 17th November	GP	09:00	Heats
6	Sunday 1st December	Alternate	09:00	Cup
7	Sunday 15th December	GP	09:00	Heats
8	Sunday 22nd December	GP	09:00	Cup

CATEGORIES

Cadets & Junior karts will run on the circuit together. At the beginning of the season the driver's category will be decided by their height.

ELIGIBILITY

All InKart drivers must fall into the 8-15 years age bracket and reach the minimum height to compete. Drivers must reach the designated height with their shoes on but not wearing their helmet.

If at the lower end of the height range, it is advised to organise a seat fitting.

Entry to the Championship will be determined by successful completion of one of two criteria: either graduating from Daytona's Junior Race School or, for drivers with proven race experience, an InKart Assessment.

RACE FORMATS

There will be two formats for InKart 2024 Season 3:

HEATS

- » 10-minute practice
- » Two x 10-minute heats – Drivers assigned to two of four fairly weighted grids.
- » 15-minute final race – Positions based on points scored in heats.

Each driver will be randomly assigned into a practice session and heats. Points will be scored throughout the heats and the scores will be tallied together, with them deciding positions for the A-Final and B-Final.

Drivers with equal points will be split by their fastest lap in the heats.

Daytona reserves the right to run as many grids of drivers as deemed necessary.

CUP

- » 15-minute practice
- » 5-minute qualifying
- » 25-minute race

Once drivers are signed in, drivers will be assigned into two groups based on championship position. They join the track for a fifteen-minute Practice followed by a five-minute Qualifying session. (Qualifying starts immediately after the ten-minute practice has finished, signalled via a green flag/digital flag at the start line.)

A driver's finishing position will determine whether they race in the A or B Final. The race will be 25 minutes in duration.

The race start procedure is the same across formats and is detailed in its own section later in these regulations.

In both formats, the winner of the B-Final will be promoted into the A-Final.

POINTS

Points are awarded per weight class per round, the points available are:

Heats Format: Point Scheme			
1 st	10 points	1 st	40 points
2 nd	9 points	2 nd	37 points
3 rd	8 points	3 rd	35 points
4 th	7 points	4 th	34 points
5 th	6 points	5 th	33 points
6 th	5 points	6 th	32 points
7 th	4 points	7 th	31 points
8 th	3 points	8 th	30 points
9 th	2 points	9 th	29 points
10 th	1 point	10 th	28 points
and so on down			

Cup Format: Point Scheme	
1 st	60 points
2 nd	57 points
3 rd	55 points
4 th	54 points
5 th	53 points
6 th	52 points
7 th	51 points
8 th	50 points
9 th	49 points
10 th	48 points
and so on down	

A bonus point will be awarded per class, per round, for the fastest lap in the final race.

Points scored in the two finals will be cumulative, so if there are five drivers in the A-Final, first place in the B-Final will score points for sixth place.

Drivers who do not complete the race will not be eligible for points and will score zero for that heat. (Serious mechanical failures will not be counted as a DNF)

Any driver who has broken a rule or demonstrated bad behaviour on or off the circuit may be subject to a points deduction, at the race director's discretion.

At the end of the season, countback will be used as a tiebreaker for anyone equal on points. This means most wins, second places, thirds, etc.

TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three drivers in each class for the finishing position achieved in the Feature and Final Races. Championship trophies will be awarded to the top 3 in each class at the conclusion of the final round of the season.

DRIVING STANDARDS

OVERTAKING

For the purposes of Daytona Championships, the following rules regarding overtaking will apply:

An overtaking driver will be entitled to a kart width worth of space providing that they are 50% alongside the car that they are overtaking into the braking zone of a corner. Both drivers are required to leave a kart width for as long as they are 50% alongside each other.

BLOCKING

All drivers are entitled to one defensive move. It is not permissible to change direction by moving across the racing line more than once, though the driver is

permitted to move back to the racing line. If a driver does make more moves than permitted, they will be penalised for blocking.

WEAVING

Drivers are not permitted to weave across the circuit, for example to warm up their tyres. If a driver does weave at any point, they will be made to start from the back of the grid.

PENALTIES

Drivers may receive a position penalty at the end of the race if they are deemed to have committed an offense. Penalties are implemented in the order that they were committed. The offences and penalties attached are:

- » **Jump start** – If a driver accelerates before the lights go out on the gantry, the driver will receive a three-position penalty. This also applies to breaking formation during a rolling start.
- » **Advantage by contact (ABC), bump and pass** – If a driver has contact with another driver that causes them to gain the position, the offending driver will receive a one-position penalty. Should the position clearly be given back within one whole lap of the offense being committed, no penalty will be given.
- » **Advantage by contact, take-out** – If a driver has contact with another driver that causes them to spin and/or get stuck, the offending driver will receive a three-position penalty. Should the position clearly be given back within one whole lap of the offense being committed, no penalty will be given.
- » **Overtaking under yellows** – If a driver overtakes another driver under yellows, the offending driver will receive a one-position penalty. Should the position clearly be given back within one whole lap of the offense being committed, no penalty will be given.
- » **Speeding under yellows** – If a driver is deemed to be speeding under yellows, the offending driver will receive a one-position penalty.
- » **Warning boards** – A driver is allowed to receive two of the same warning board (for example, track limits). Their third offence will be deemed a ‘final warning’ and displayed as such on the digital board. For every other warning of the same board that the driver receives, they will receive a one position penalty.

Please note that the Race Director can issue penalties that are not listed for any action that they deem necessary.

BLACK FLAG PENALTIES

Black flags may be issued at the Race Director’s discretion to any driver that is deemed to be driving recklessly or dangerously and must be spoken to. This includes the breaking of any safety procedures communicated to the drivers through their briefing.

A black flag may also be issued in the case that a driver’s equipment is deemed to be unsafe by the Race Director. Whilst Daytona will carry out the necessary safety checks on a driver’s equipment, it is ultimately the driver’s responsibility to ensure that all of their personal equipment remains in check throughout the race.

No change to the running order of the race will be made after any black flag procedure.

KART SWAPS & MECHANICAL FAILURES

Drivers must use the kart that they have been allocated.

A driver's opportunity to raise concerns about their kart is during the practice session, within a timeframe deemed reasonable by race control. Drivers may only raise issues with their kart if they have concrete and material issues with it.

If a driver experiences an issue with their kart during practice, they should return to the pits. The kart will be tested by the designated kart tester and may be inspected by an engineer. If a swap is deemed necessary by the Race Director, a different kart will be allocated. If the Race Director determines that a replacement kart is not necessary, the kart will be returned to the driver.

Any driver who has an issue with their kart should only return to the pits after they have completed a 'flying lap' during the practice session. In other words, they must have completed an out lap, timed lap, and in lap.

Karts that are found to have issues will be removed from the spares lineup.

RACE START PROCEDURE

Once all drivers have been organised into their grid order, the race will begin via a standing start. All drivers must ensure that their bumper is within the confines of their grid spot. The digital board will display a lights sequence, and once five lights go out the race will commence.

In the event of a signal failure the race start may be indicated by a green waved flag.

If a driver spins on their way to the grid they will start from the back of the grid.

If there is a kart breakdown within the first lap, the race will be re-gridded.

FLAGS SIGNALS & LIGHTS

YELLOW FLAG/STROBE

This indicates that there is an incident ahead. A driver must slow to half racing speed and ensure that they do not overtake.

» **Waved yellow** - Any waved yellow flag indicates a local incident. You may not race until you have passed the incident and have seen that the following strobe is clear.

» **Static yellow** - This indicates that the circuit is under Full Course Yellow conditions, and no racing may occur until yellow flags & strobes are removed and a green flag is waved by the marshals.

RED FLAG/STROBE

Race stopped - bring the kart to a controlled but immediate stop. Drivers are advised to raise their hand, acknowledging the red flag, then look over their shoulder to ensure they are not stopping in front of someone, and finally bring the kart to a controlled stop.

If the race is able to resume, positions will be taken from when the red flag came out.

The race will be restarted under Full Course Yellow with all drivers one kart length apart at $\frac{1}{4}$ racing speed. A green flag will be shown at the start line to indicate the restart of the race.

BLACK AND WHITE DIAGONAL FLAG

A black and white diagonal flag may be shown to indicate that a driver is on their final warning for their conduct on the circuit and could shortly be subject to being penalised.

GO TO PITS BOARD

A 'Go To Pits' board may be used to call a driver into the pits at the Race Director's discretion.

CAMERAS AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

Drivers are welcome to use video cameras on the proviso that video footage must be submitted to Daytona Race Officials upon request. Wearing of a camera is encouraged as it allows for use of the appeals system (as detailed below), and cameras can be rented from the circuit itself if required.

Drivers may not use communication equipment (i.e. a radio headset) and may be subject to a penalty if they are found to be using it.

DRIVER AND SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

The Race Director's decision is final and must be accepted as being so in good faith by the competitors and track officials.

Arguments and disputes with other drivers, associated spectators or staff of Daytona Motorsport by parents or other supporters and spectators may result in a points penalty or ban (subject to severity).

Drivers and supporters are reminded of the code of conduct, which must be signed at the start of the season.

Daytona reserves the right to refuse entry as well as remove anybody from the premises at any time.

APPEALS AND PROTESTS

All appeals will be subject to a fee of £25.00 to be paid in advance of the appeal being made. All appeals must be made within 15 minutes of the end of the race concerned. A form will be made available at reception which is to be filled in with the relevant information. Once the form has been filled in, it must be returned to reception, who will make the Race Director aware.

All appeals will be investigated after the awards ceremony, which must therefore always be treated as provisional. An exception to this is at the final round of the

season, where the appeal may effect the outcome of the top three championship, it will be reviewed immediately.

Due to the potential effects on B and A final placings, any appeals made during the heats for Inkart will be investigated in the gap between the last heat and the first final.

Once a decision has been reached, it will be communicated to the relevant parties by the Race Director.

Should an appeal or protest be judged to be successful by the Race Director, the fee will be refunded. If it is not successful, the fee will be donated to charity.

Any aggressive behaviour or attempt to informally appeal a Race Director's decision will result in a penalty being imposed on the driver for whom the claimant is there to support. This is applicable to both Daytona staff members and fellow competitors/spectators. In extreme cases this may result in exclusion from the championship altogether, at the discretion Daytona.

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Decisions on appeals will be reached before the championship standings are released.

RULE AMENDMENTS

Daytona Motorsport reserve the right to amend rules and regulations as required throughout the season. Any such amendments will be communicated to the drivers.

IN CLOSING

I look forward to the coming season of Sandown Park InKart, and I hope you do too. Please address any comments or concerns to ben.moran@daytona.co.uk.